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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADMIRAL THEBAUD  
GENERAL BISSELL  
GENERAL HODGES  
GENERAL MAGRUDER

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THROUGH: Secretary, Joint Intelligence Committee

Subject: Joint Intelligence Study Publishing  
Board and JANIS Production Schedules

Enclosure: Memorandum for the Secretary, Joint  
Topographical Subcommittee, from the  
Secretary, Joint War Plans Committee,  
dated 30 November 1944.

1. At the end of 1944, the Chairman of the Joint Topographical Subcommittee, with the full concurrence of his committee colleagues, wishes to invite the attention of the members of the Joint Intelligence Committee to the fact that the JANIS schedule for production, despite many difficulties (including editing and such physical factors as printing and distribution), has been met with few unimportant exceptions. In addition, priorities have been conformed to, including some rather substantial changes in schedule occasioned by the exigencies and vicissitudes of the war's progress, and in many instances deadlines have been anticipated.

2. The Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board is charged with the preparation of JANIS under the direction of the Joint Topographical Subcommittee. The Board as well has assisted often and substantially in the preparation of first and second phase reports--matters not primarily under the cognizances of the J.I.S.P.B., but for which the rich experiences of its members have well qualified them.

3. There has been abundant evidence, both official and unofficial, from the Pacific Ocean Areas that testifies to the valuable contribution made by the JANIS products to the prosecution of the war throughout the Pacific. It would be impossible to cite the individual contributions that have been made to the JANIS publications. Text has been written

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and re-written throughout all echelons of the Intelligence Services of the Navy, the Army, the Office of Strategic Services and contributory intelligence organizations. It would be impracticable to list the many individuals who assembly, select and refine the end product. However, the Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board, consisting of five Board members assisted by 37 staff personnel, is the final editor, the final integrator and the final arbiter of such conflicting opinions as unavoidably arise in undertakings of this magnitude. It is considered appropriate, therefore, that at least the names of the four full-time and one part-time member of the Board should be recalled to the services which they represent in a task which has been well and faithfully discharged. The members of the Board are as follows:

Colonel George W. Bicknell, G-2, Chairman  
Captain Alexander Macomb, D.N.I.  
Major Ford L. Battles, A-2 (part-time)  
Captain J. M. McCaskill, O.C.E.  
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Respectfully,

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Joint Intelligence Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff,  
Washington 25, D. C., 12 January 1945.

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Secretary,  
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